GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Schools for Deaf & Dumb Students
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data on the number of deaf and dumb children in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
(b) the total number of schools dedicated to deaf and dumb children in the country including Uttar Pradesh;
(c) whether there are adequate number of such schools and trained teachers in all such schools and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) if not, whether the Government is likely to make adequate arrangement of schools and teachers to impart education to such special children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)
(a) As per Census 2011, State/UTs-wise population of persons with speech impairment and persons with hearing impairment in the age group of 0-19 years, including the State of Uttar Pradesh is at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively. Separate data on the number of deaf & dumb children in the country is not maintained.
(b) Under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) all schools (Govt. and Govt. aided) are inclusive schools. As per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2014-15 there are 55893 schools with Children with Special Needs (CWSN) in the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh.
Further, the total number of special schools for deaf and dumb children assisted under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) is 67, including 11 schools in the State of Uttar Pradesh
As per information received from Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped (AYJNHH), there are 388 Schools for hearing impaired in the country. In the State of Uttar Pradesh, there are 15 schools listed for hearing Impaired.

(c) & (d) (i) A total number of 25315 trained Special Educators in the area of hearing impairment are registered with the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), in the Central Rehabilitation Registrar.
(ii) There is a provision of 5670 seats of special educators in the area of Hearing Impairment (HI) every year in the institutions approved by Rehabilitation Council of India as per the details given below:
Sr. No. Name of the Programme No. of Centres Sanctioned Seats per centre Total
1 Diploma in Education Special Education (HI) 133 30 3990
2 Bachelor in Education Special Education (HI) 51 30 1530
3 Master in Education Special Education (HI) 10 15 150

(iii) Under the Central Sector Scheme Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) grants-in-aid is provided to NGOs working for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The Scheme prescribes for one special educator for every eight students with disabilities.
(iv) Inclusive Education of the Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) component of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) provides for appointment of Special Educators in the Government, local body and Government-aided schools in the ratio of 1:5 (one special educator for every five students with disabilities). If the numbers of students with disabilities are less, this teacher could also work for other schools in the cluster. In addition, under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA), two Resource Persons for Inclusive Education for students with disabilities are provided for Block Resource Centre (BRC) at the block level.
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